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1. COMMITTEE I: COMMITTEE I WORKSHOP CO-CHAIRERED BY INDIA
AND NETHERLANDS DEBATED ITS WORK PROGRAM AND AGREED TO
TAKE UP THE SYSTEM OF EXPLOITATION NEXT MONDAY. G-77
WILL HOLD THREE DAYS OF MEETINGS TO COORDINATE THEIR
POSITION ON THAT SUBJECT. WITHOUT GOING INTO DETAILS,
IT WAS CLEAR YESTERDAY THE EXTREMISTS AND MODERATES WITHIN
THE G-77 MAY BE STARTING TO FORM INTO TWO CLEAR CAMPS.
THE MODERATES BELIEVE THEIR FOLLOWING WILL NOW BEGIN TO
INCREASE. WE DID NOT EXPECT TO SEE ANY CRACKS IN THE
G-77 THIS SOON AND WE HOPE THIS IS THE BEGINNING OF A
DURABLE CHANGE IN CLIMATE. WE WILL FOLLOW THE STRATEGY
OF REWARDING THE MODERATES WHO SPEAK UP WITH SPEEDY
AGREEMENT ON COMPROMISES AND DIG IN OUR HEELS WHENEVER
THE EXTREMISTS DOMINATE ITS PROCEEDINGS. ANOTHER
GOOD SIGN YESTERDAY WAS THE STRONG AND UNIFIED INTER-
VENTIONS OF THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, BOTH WESTERN
AND SOCIALIST, AND EXPLICIT RECOGNITION OF THE US AS
THEIR INFORMAL SPOKESMAN.

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2. COMMITTEE II: COMMITTEE DISCUSSIONS FOCUSED ON ACCESS BY LANDLOCKED STATES TO THE SEA AND QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF THE OUTER LIMIT OF THE CONTINENTAL MARGIN AND REVENUE SHARING. IRELAND TABLED ONCE AGAIN THE MARGIN DEFINITION AGREED TO IN A GROUP OF BROAD MARGIN STATES AND WHICH WE SUPPORT IF COUPLED WITH THE REVENUE SHARING. THE DEBATES WERE INCONCLUSIVE. THE COMMITTEE CONTINUES TODAY WITH THE DEBATE ON THE HIGH SEAS STATUS OF THE ECONOMIC ZONE. IT APPEARS AS THOUGH GENERAL DEBATE ON THIS ISSUE IS NEARING ITS CONCLUSION AND IT SEEMS LIKELY THAT THE CHAIRMAN WILL MOVE TO BEGIN A SERIOUS NEGOTIATION THROUGH A SMALL GROUP BY THE NEXT WEEK.

3. COMMITTEE III: ALTHOUGH MEETINGS CONTINUE, THERE IS GROWING FEELING THAT THERE IS LITTLE TO DO ON SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND MARINE POLLUTION. CHAIRMAN YANKOV IS PLEASED WITH THIS AND CONTINUES TO FEEL THAT REVISED TEXT IN COMMITTEE III IS GENERALLY SATISFACTORY IN SPITE OF U.S. ATTACKS ON SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH TEXT. THIS TREND IS MAKING IT DIFFICULT TO CONVINCE OTHERS THAT MAJOR CHANGES ARE NEEDED IN SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH TEXT; SOME INTERPRET HARD-LINE STATEMENTS AS A DOMESTIC PUBLIC RELATIONS EXERCISE.

4. DISPUTE SETTLEMENT: USSR SAID THEY WILL NOT ACCEPT COMPULSORY DISPUTE SETTLEMENT AT ALL UNLESS THEIR OPTION OF CHOOSING SPECIAL COMMISSIONS FOR FISHERIES, ENVIRONMENT, NAVIGATION AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IS INCLUDED. LDCA ARE TENDING TO OPPOSE INCLUSION OF SPECIAL PROCEDURES, WHICH THEY REGARD AS UNWORKABLE. INFORMAL PLENARY WILL CONTINUE ALONG SAME LINES TODAY.

5. GENERAL COMMITTEE: GENERAL COMMITTEE RECEIVED SOBER REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN. COMMITTEE III CHAIRMAN YANKOV SPECIFICALLY SAID NEW SCIENCE TEXT IS WIDELY REGARDED AS A COMPROMISE AND CANNOT REALISTICALLY BE MOVED FAR IN ANY DIRECTION. PERU EXPANDED ON THIS THEME. WE SAID WE HAD SERIOUS PROBLEMS WITH SCIENCE TEXT.

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6. MEXICO PROBLEM: MEXICO IS A STRONG OPPONENT BOTH IN COMMITTEE I AND ON STATUS OF THE ECONOMIC ZONE. CHILE SAYS SOME DEVELOPING COUNTRIES BELIEVE THAT IF THE U.S. WERE SERIOUS ABOUT THESE PROBLEMS IT WOULD BE SUCCESSFULLY APPLYING BILATERAL LEVERAGE ON MEXICO, AND THAT THIS PERCEPTION WILL INCREASE ONCE THE SECRETARY COMES. CHILE ALSO REPORTS PRIVATE MEXICAN COMMENT THAT ONCE MEXICO HAS BILATERAL 200-MILE FISHING AGREEMENTS WITH

CUBA (COMPLETED) AND THE U.S., IT HAS NO URGENT NEED
TO GET AN LOS TREATY.
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